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Aurora Flight Sciences Completes Surrogate UAV Contract

Manassas, VA, March 1, 2010 - Aurora Flight Sciences has completed its first Diamond DA42M pay-per-view contract to MISTIC, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of The MATRIX Group, as a surrogate unmanned aerial system (UAS) platform above Roswell, NM.

The Diamond DA42M is made in Weiner Neustaet, Austria by Diamond Aircraft Industries. The DA42M is a twin-engine aircraft that seats four people and its diesel engines run on a range of heavy fuels. In July 2009, Diamond Aircraft received Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Certification for the Austro Engine AE300 Powerplant.

Aurora provided a fully integrated DA42M UAS look-alike system consisting of the FLIR SYSTEMS Star Safire III and the L3 West Communication CMDL Data Link. The Aurora Flight Sciences team completed over 80 flight hours during the program including two intercontinental ferry flights between Europe and the USA.

Once on-site at the training facility in Roswell, NM, Aurora completed over 30 hours as a UAS intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance surrogate providing real time full motion video to train special forces teams on the ground. All the training operations were flown at night during a six day period. All systems including the DA42M, FLIR EO/IR and L3 Data Link performed flawlessly with no sorties missed or delayed.

In a post event industry day hosted by Aurora Flight Sciences to celebrate the success, Mr. William C. Stettinius, President of MISTIC, Inc said, "The DA42 exceeded our expectations and set a new standard for endurance while supporting training on our ranges. Other manned aircraft that we have worked with as surrogate UAS platforms lack the DA42's capability for persistent stare, economy of operation, and flexibility. The Aurora crew strove to satisfy our customer's requirements and realistically mimicked actual ISR assets."

About MISTIC, Inc.

Located in Roswell, NM, MISTIC is one of the largest privately held training areas in the United States. MISTIC has training, testing and maneuver areas that extend over 300,000 acres. Their mission is to provide total end to end facilities, ranges and logistic support for client driven training objectives and scenarios. The ranges, facilities and restricted airspace are particularly suited to incorporate Full Motion Video analysis and tactical ISR in training scenarios and full mission training exercises, enabling maximum realism to those destined for today's conflict areas.

About Aurora Flight Sciences

Aurora Flight Sciences designs and builds robotic aircraft and other advanced aerospace vehicles for scientific and military applications. Aurora is headquartered in Manassas, VA and operates production plants in Bridgeport, WV and Columbus, MS and a Research and Development Center in Cambridge, MA. To view recent press releases and more about Aurora please visit our web site at www.aurora.aero.